

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are now pending in the application. Claims 10-21 are allowed. Claims 3, 7, 8, and 9 are objected to.

Claims 2, 5, and 6 now depend on allowed Claim 21.

Claim 3 has been rendered to independent form, including all of the limitations of base Claim 1, and is in condition for allowance.

Allowable Claim 7 has been amended to include all of the limitations of base Claim 1, from which it depends. Claims 8 and 9 continue to depend on Claim 7. Claim 4 now depends on Claim 7.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the humidity sensor senses the relative humidity of a gas stream supplied to an anode electrode of the fuel cell. In accordance with the Notice of Allowability, Claim 1, as amended, is submitted to be in condition for allowance for the reasons of record with respect to Claims 3 and 21.

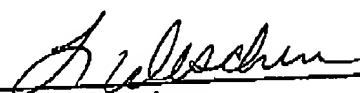
CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this

application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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